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## HEROES OF MUKDEN—THE GREATEST BATTLE IN THE WORLD'S HISTORY.



General Tserpitski, who led his regiment into action on horseback with band playing and colours flying. When the Japanese were repulsed the General's men surrounded him and kissed his hands.



Captain Witte, of the Russian Headquarters Staff, killed by a Japanese shell.



Colonel Potshieko, mortally wounded by a flying fragment of shell.



Captain Kondratorvitch, previously mentioned for great gallantry, killed.



General Gerngross, who, after a desperate struggle, captured Tashichiao, on the west of Mukden, from General Nogi.



Colonel Statcharovoff, killed while encouraging his troops to continue the struggle against General Nogi's army.



One of the most splendid achievements of the war was that of the Japanese under General Kuroki, who drove the enemy from their positions before Mukden by crawling up the bare, stony hills like leeches.



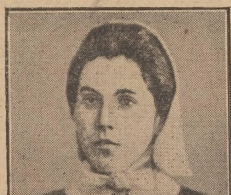
Colonel Oreschoff, who, had made a reputation as one of the most dashing officers of the Russian army, killed while in command of the 9th Tobolsk Regiment.



General Vinogradoff, killed during the gallant stand made by the 137th Regiment on the Russian right.



Captain Karpoff, killed while fighting on the Russian right.



Nurse Jelieznova, killed while attending wounded soldiers.



Captain P. D. Polzikoff, killed while in the Russian centre.



Colonel Rumstevitch, severely wounded in the fight for Kandolain, during which the Japanese were repulsed with heavy loss.







# CAN RUSSIA'S PANIC-STRICKEN ARMY ESCAPE?

## Kuropatkin's Desperate Flight Towards Tieling.

## JAPS TAKE MUKDEN

## Vivid Story of Hand-to-Hand Struggles.

## DEADLY BAYONETS.

## Railway to the North Cut—Oyama's Troops in Hot Pursuit.

### NINE DAYS' FIGHTING.

NUMBER OF MEN ENGAGED ..... 750,000  
TOTAL LOSSES TO DATE ..... 114,000  
The Russians are retreating in every direction.

The only good road open to the main body is the road from Mukden to Tieling, and this is threatened by the Japanese, who have already cut the railway between these places.

It is possible, however, that General Kuropatkin may order his broken forces to make for Fushun, which is only half as far from Mukden as Tieling is. Thence he would have to cross a range of mountains to reach a place of safety.

The Japanese are in hot pursuit of the flying Russians, whose retirement threatens to become a total rout.

Marshal Oyama reports that the enemy, beaten in every direction, commenced retreat in the early morning of Wednesday, and our armies are in vigorous pursuit.

This dispatch from Tokio, received yesterday at the Japanese Legation in London, makes it abundantly clear that the Mikado's armies have gained another great victory—the greatest the war has seen yet.

The question now is: Can they carry out Marshal Oyama's plan completely, or will General Kuropatkin succeed in getting the main body of his troops away?

Oyama's plan was to surround the Russians on all sides. This he has nearly succeeded in doing.

Following our plan of imagining that the battle is being fought in England, the situation stands thus:—

The Russians defending London (Mukden) originally held the line of country extending from Canterbury (Ching-ho-cheng) to Aldershot.

General Kuropatkin put his strongest force in the centre of this line and round about Reigate. His object was to break the Japanese front here and get in between the two separate parts of their army, leaving his right and left wings to hold the enemy in check on the east and west.

### PIERCED FLANKING ATTACKS.

What he did not foresee was that the Japanese would make such fierce and determined attacks upon the wings.

First of all, General Nogi got round the Russian right flank, occupied Reading (Sim-ninting), and then made across country to the north-east, by way of Windsor, Watford, and St. Albans, with the object of cutting off the Russian retreat from London in a direct line northwards.

Next, General Kuroki captured Canterbury, on the extreme left of the Russian line, and then, after severe fighting in the hills about Maidstone, completely turned the Russian left flank, occupied Gravesend, and drove General Linievitch's army northwards through Essex towards Chelmsford (Fushun).

Kuropatkin, being forced to send all the reinforcements he could to his wings, was thus left with a far weaker centre than he began with, and his plan of breaking the Japanese line in two fell to the ground.

Fighting went on for days in the neighbourhood of Croydon (Shahopu) and Epsom Downs (Putiloff Hill), but the advantage lay with the Japanese, and the Russian centre has now joined the armies on the flanks in an ignominious retreat.

Where can they retreat to? The Japanese have got a huge three-quarter circle around

them. Only two chances of escape are left. These chances are:—

1. To take the high road from London to Cambridge (Tieling).
2. To make for Chelmsford (Fushun) and from thence cross a range of mountains into a plain which is within a day's march of Cambridge.

In either case they will probably have a hard fight to get away. General Nogi has got close to the Cambridge road, so close that he has cut the railway which runs within a mile or two of it.

As for Chelmsford, General Kuroki is pressing on towards that place as quickly as he can move his army along. If the Russians decide to make Chelmsford their objective, it will be a race between them and Kuroki's troops as to which shall get there first.

They have no time to lose over making up their minds. Already General Oku's army, which has been bombarding London for two or three days from Kingston and Wimbledon, is reported to have entered the capital. General Nodzu's troops are rapidly approaching it also, along the Brighton road.

The only hope of escape for Kuropatkin's broken force lies in running, and running very quickly, fighting as they go.

### FATE OF MUKDEN.

Report That the Russian Stronghold is Occupied by Japanese.

Is Mukden occupied by the Japanese? The Berlin "Lokalanzeiger" publishes a telegram from its correspondent at Tokio, dated noon yesterday, stating that this is so.

Everybody expected that the capture of Mukden could only be delayed a few hours after the great Japanese victory.

In a dispatch to the Tsar, General Kuropatkin states that in course of the Mukden fight the attacks of the enemy on the Russian positions in the north were repulsed, the Japanese sustaining heavy losses.

### CHARGING RUSSIAN CENTRE.

TOKIO, Thursday.—The Japanese right, says a Laffan message, is engaged driving the Russians before them at the point of the bayonet. The Russian centre, which was exposed to a terrible following fire, is practically annihilated.

### 'BEATEN IN EVERY DIRECTION'

Marshal Oyama's Consideration for the Feelings of the Chinese.

The following telegrams, dated Tokio, March 9, have been received at the Japanese Legation:—

"Marshal Oyama reports that the enemy, beaten in every direction, commenced retreat in the early

morning of Wednesday, and our armies are in vigorous pursuit."

"To respect the sanctity of the place whence arose the Imperial Dynasty of China, and to preserve peace and tranquillity among the Chinese inhabitants of Mukden, Marshal Oyama, in giving order for general pursuit, March 9, strictly prohibited his troops to take quarter within the walls of that city."

### SHAMBLES OF WAR.

Slaughter of Japs and Russians Far in Excess of 100,000.

TOKIO, Thursday.—The great Manchurian battle raged all yesterday along the entire enormous front. The Japanese were generally victorious, and drove the Russians from a series of important positions.

At nightfall it seemed imperative for Kuropatkin to withdraw his shattered legions, in order to avoid a complete disaster.

This continuous battle is already the bloodiest of the whole war.

Upon the ground gained by Oku alone lie 8,000 Russian dead, and reports from the other armies are expected to triple these figures.

The Japanese loss is estimated at 50,000, making the joint slaughter far in excess of 100,000.—Reuter's Special Service.

### PETITION FOR PEACE.

Russian Officers and Doctors Appeal to Kuropatkin in Despair.

BERLIN, Wednesday.—The war correspondent of the "Taegliche Rundschau" states that 900 officers and doctors of the Russian army in Manchuria are petitioning General Kuropatkin to negotiate for peace because of the continual Russian defeats, the incapacity of the commanders, the scarcity of food, and the despair which affects the private soldiers.—Laffan.

### SPARTAN SCOUTS.

Grim Ceremony at the Execution of Russian Captives by Hunhuses.

NEWCHWANG, Thursday.—On Monday night a party of Hunhuses surprised a small body of Russian scouts. They killed twenty-two and captured two, themselves suffering slightly.

Yesterday the whole band, consisting of 200 cavalry and 100 infantry, formed a great circle, with Japanese flags flying, on the outskirts of Sin-min-ting, to witness the execution of the two young captives, who had been sentenced to death as spies.

They were turned over to the executioner—a man 6ft. tall—who smiled as he drew his sword from its red sheath. The first victim, who had been wearing a Chinese overcoat, was evidently a Russian officer. He knelt without a murmur, while his companion watched him receive his death-stroke.—Reuter.

## KUROPATKIN ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

## Russian Commander in the Fight at Most Critical Stage.

## MORE DAYS OF CARNAGE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Thursday.—All the correspondents in their dispatches from the front to-day bear testimony to the terrific nature of the struggle between the opposing forces.

One correspondent says this battle promises to surpass in obstinacy any previous known fight. The presence of General Kuropatkin on the battlefield at the critical stage of the struggle on the west is mentioned in more than one telegram.

The Russian correspondents believe that though their countrymen are now falling back they will be able to make good their retreat, holding off the Japanese, and reaching the lines at Tieling.

Though the Russians have lost ground, and though it is now confirmed that the Japanese have broken through the Russian defences at dawn, of the railway and occupied the heights at Nadapou in the Russian centre, the troops continue to make a gallant defence, and are reported to be still in good spirits.

### TERRIBLE JAP FURY.

Graphic Account of the Decisive Struggle of Tuesday.

MUKDEN, Wednesday.—The fighting upon the Russian right flank was the most desperate character. It opened furiously at dawn, and did not abate until nightfall. Even then the big guns kept up their fire and men were unable to sleep.

The villages on the battlefield were mostly surrounded by tamarisk groves as well as by high walls and fences, thus giving protection against bullets. The houses were strengthened, and formed a series of difficult redoubts.

Nothing could keep back the Japanese. One rush succeeded another. At one spot to the west of Yuhanshun a body of Russian troops of one of the new divisions, which had not up to that time encountered any close attacks from the Japanese, were unable to stand the violent fire of shrapnel, which made the village like an active volcano, and promptly retreated.

The Japanese, attacking with terrible fury, captured the place at noon. General Kuropatkin, when all was safe, left the position for another part of the battlefield, to the accompaniment of the roar of exploding shells, which fell to the right and left of him.

There is no diminution in the dogged bravery of the Russians. Indeed, the combatants on both sides are showing equal obstinacy.—Central News.

### PANIC IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Grave Fears for the Predicament in Which Kuropatkin Is Placed.

PARIS, Thursday.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Echo de Paris," states that Russian dispatches from the front show that General Kuropatkin, having been compelled to abandon practically the whole of his positions, will evacuate Mukden and retire to Tieling.

In military circles it is believed that he will retreat by way of Fushun.

Extreme uneasiness prevails in St. Petersburg, it being recognised that General Kuropatkin's forces will be in an exceedingly critical position in the event of the Japanese succeeding in cutting the railway to the north of Mukden, and so rendering retreat by that way impossible.

The Russian disaster is rendered all the more serious by reason of the fact that enormous stores of provisions have been concentrated at Mukden.—Central News.

### "MAFFICKING" IN TOKIO.

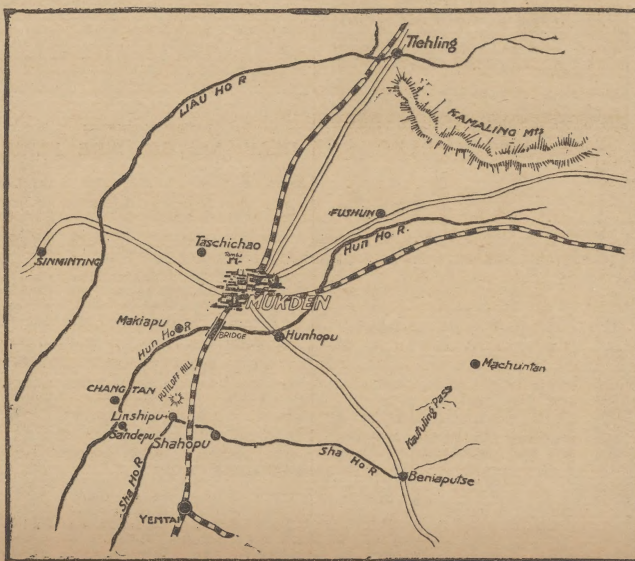
Rejoicings in the Japanese Capital Over the Great Victory.

TOKIO, Thursday.—Tokio is already celebrating the victory. Flags are all over the city, and crowds are eagerly buying extra editions of newspapers. Congratulations are pouring into the Ministry of War, and into the offices of the General Staff.—Reuter's Special Service.

### NORTH SEA BILL PAID.

The Russian Ambassador yesterday handed to Lord Lansdowne £65,000, being the amount of the indemnity due to the Hull fishermen.—Reuter. The news was received with great dissatisfaction in Hull last night. The owners of the steam trawlers and the relatives of the murdered fishermen expected that £100,000 would have been the lowest amount offered by the Russians.

## DESPERATE PLIGHT OF KUROPATKIN'S FORCES.



The Japanese have cut the railway to the north of Mukden, and from the west, south, and east are vigorously pressing Kuropatkin's beaten forces, which are apparently endeavouring to retreat from Mukden upon Tieling or Fushun.



## DIARY OF AN M.P.

Rumour That Mr. Long Will Be  
New Irish Secretary.

## PREMIER'S TACTFUL MOVE

HOUSE OF COMMONS LIBRARY, Thursday Night.  
—As usual after a lively debate everything is calm and peaceful at Westminster to-day. The debate inside the Chamber on the doings of the Irish Land Commission has been left practically to the Irish members, and with the exception of the Attorney-General for Ireland, at no period of the sitting has there been more than half a dozen Ministerialists in the House.

Members for the most part were busy in the smoke-room or the libraries, and, naturally, the conversation turned largely upon the ordeal through which the Government passed at last night's sitting. There is no doubt that in Government circles the majority was much larger than had been anticipated. At an early period of the day the Whips were exceedingly nervous as to what the result might be, and it was in response to this representation that Mr. Balfour addressed an appeal to the free-food Unionists, which was read at their meeting in the afternoon.

A prominent Ministerialist free-fooder told me to-day that what saved the situation was that Mr. Balfour made such a frank declaration as to his opposition to a protectionist policy. There were, he tells me, at least twelve additional Conservatives who would have voted against the Government, but their notion that in doing so they would be weakening, instead of strengthening, Mr. Balfour's hands against Mr. Chamberlain's policy, induced them to go ultimately into the Government Lobby.

## Mr. Chamberlain Disappointed.

I believe there is no doubt whatever that Mr. Chamberlain was by no means pleased with last night's debate. He had hoped up to the very last that Mr. Balfour would say some words of sympathy with his policy, and was very much disappointed to find that instead he appeared to be more emphatic than ever in opposition to the ex-Colonial Secretary's proposals.

It was regarded as pretty astute on the part of Mr. Chamberlain to define the Government policy, as he understood it, but it was also peculiarly significant that Mr. Balfour should refrain from either accepting or denying the definition which the member for West Birmingham thought it prudent to put forward.

Altogether the indications of the moment are that the debate last night, while temporarily uniting the various sections of the Government, will ultimately result in an irrevocable split in the Party.

To-night in the Lobby it is asserted with some slight authority that Mr. Walter Long has acceded to Mr. Balfour's wish that he should accept the post of Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Sir William Arrol is evidently a gentleman who does not believe in an extended honeymoon. He was married in Scotland yesterday, was in his place in the House of Commons in the evening, and is again in attendance at the House to-day.

Enormous interest is being taken throughout the country in the Trades Disputes Bill, which is down for second reading to-morrow. This is a measure which seeks to make picketing legal under certain conditions, and is intended to reverse the recent decisions of the Law Courts on the subject. Members have at times before had so many communications from labour organizations in respect of any Bill before the House, and there is little doubt that the decision is awaited with intense interest.

## WRECK SPOILS A MEETING.

"Progressive" Ratepayer Thinks Dismissals Arise To Spoil His Speech.

Amid exciting scenes and under somewhat extraordinary circumstances, the Yarmouth lifeboat was launched to render aid to a large two-masted schooner which has gone ashore between Yarmouth and Caister.

When the signal was given a number of the lifeboatmen were (says the "East Anglian Times") among the audience at a Progressive meeting in the Winter Gardens.

The cry of "The boat out!" was raised, and many of the audience quickly left the building.

The chairman appealed for order, and soon afterwards Mr. Headley, speaking from the platform, alleged that the guns had been fired by "one of the biggest opponents of municipal trading," and that it was "only a ruse to spoil the meeting."

This, however, did not prove to be the case, for the lifeboat was launched, and remained alongside the schooner the whole night.

As a bookmaker he sometimes made £200 a week, said a newsgang named William Hutchison, examined at the Newcastle Bankruptcy Court yesterday.

## FIGHTING THE WAVES

Two Hours' of Superhuman Effort in a Boiling Sea.

A gallant and exciting lifeboat rescue was witnessed yesterday at Portpatrick, Scotland. A furious gale caught the fishing fleet, but all got inside safely save the Irex, and as the storm redoubled in fury it was obvious that the stout little vessel was in immediate peril, as she was foundering in a sea that might have swamped a craft of twice her tonnage.

The lifeboat was speedily manned, and after well-nigh superhuman efforts reached the Irex. But the trouble of her gallant crew had only begun, for as she took the fishermen on board from the Irex, the latter suddenly capsize, and, being in tow, hampered the lifeboat as with a dead weight. Herculean efforts to return through the boiling surf to where safety awaited them were made by the heroic lifeboatmen, and for two hours they grappled with death, except by cunning seas and buffeted by a furious wind. The excited crowd which lined the cliffs saw them gain foot by foot, and for another two hours the struggle continued.

The imminent danger of being capsized made the boatmen fight with grim earnestness, and in the struggle with wind and water five of the stout arms of the lifeboat snapped, leaving them almost helpless.

At length, after heroic efforts, the boat with its precious burden of lives reached the harbour, amid the lusty cheers of the thousands of anxious watchers.

## BRIDGE-BUILDER'S ROMANCE.

Sir William Arrol, M.P., Privately Married to His Cousin.

The marriage of Sir William Arrol, the Liberal Unionist M.P. for South Yorkshire, to Miss Hodgart, has just been announced. It was solemnized privately at the bride's residence, Lockerbank, Ayr.

Sir William, who is sixty-six years of age, is chiefly known to fame as the constructor of the huge bridges spanning the Forth and Tay.

His career has been a remarkable one. He was apprenticed to a blacksmith at the age of thirteen,



SIR WILLIAM ARROL, M.P.

and after working at his trade as a journeyman for some time, about thirty-four years ago boldly started business on his own account with a capital of only £25, the savings of his life. It was not very long before he attained a position of unchallenged supremacy as a bridge-builder.

His last big achievement in this direction was the Tower Bridge.

The new Lady Arrol is Sir William's first cousin.

## LOST BOY SAFE IN GERMANY.

Walter Everth, the German boy of thirteen who has been missing from his father's house at Streatham since last Saturday morning, is with his aunt at Magdeburg.

The father received a communication to that effect yesterday. Walter was last seen walking towards Tulsa Hill Station with a lady in black, and his bicycle was found in the cloak-room there.

## ROYAL ART EXHIBITORS.

Two royal exhibitors, the King, who lent a portrait of Henry of Navarre, and the Grand Duchess Victoria of Hesse, who showed three oil-paintings of flowers, attracted many visitors to the Royal Amateur Art Society's show, which was opened at Sanford House by Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein yesterday.

## WASTED MONEY.

Outspoken Report on Army Store Expenditure.

## STRANGE DISCREPANCIES.

The report of the Auditor-General upon the appropriation and store accounts of the Army contains instructive reading on the subject of economy in public departments.

Under the heading of "Purchase of Remounts" the Auditor-General says:—"It was noticed in the examination of the accounts of the Army Remount Department that a comparatively large number of horses had been purchased at £50, £55, and £60 per horse, while in single instances £95, £100, and £110 had been paid.

"It appears from the papers furnished to my Department that the War Office, in writing to the Treasury in September, 1902, on the subject of providing officers with horses at the public expense, suggested that the Remount Department 'should for this purpose be allowed to give prices up to a limit of £25 in excess of those authorised for ordinary remounts.'

"As I understand that the rates for ordinary remounts are about £50 for the Household Cavalry and £40 to £45 for cavalry and artillery, I have recently requested an explanation of the rates paid in excess of the suggested limit."

Another paragraph relates to money spent in the purchase of warlike and other stores. The Auditor-General observes:—

## Guns and Carriages.

"Under this sub-head are included two sums of £7,360 10s. and £5,173 15s. paid to a firm of contractors for the cost of manufacturing experimental 4.5-inch B.L. howitzer and 5-inch 60-pr. B.L. heavy equipment respectively.

"It appears from the papers that this equipment was ordered by the War Office without reference to the Contract Branch, and that although the contractors were asked to state the cost previously to the execution of the orders, they neglected to do so.

"Eventually bills were sent in for £8,468 and £5,746 13s., whereupon the War Office demurred to the amount claimed as excessive, and the contractors agreed to accept the actual cost of the respective equipments, viz., £6,691 7s. 5d. and £4,793 7s. 4d., or actual cost plus 10 per cent. profit, making total sums of £7,360 10s. and £5,173 15s., the latter amounts being paid by the War Office.

"In reply to an inquiry, I was informed that no steps were taken to verify the actual cost by an independent examination of the contractors' books.

"The amount paid was considerably in excess of the charges for similar equipment supplied by another firm."

## Strange Transactions.

On page 231 of the report are parallel tables of purchases and sales of forage—bran, hay, mealies, mealie-meal—highly shown that, bran having been bought from the contractor at, for example, 13s. 6d. per 100lb., it was sold again for 19s. per 100lb. In another typical case mealies were purchased at 17s. per 100lb. and sold at 11s.

On these strange transactions the Auditor-General's comments are: "Explanation was sought of the large differences in the rates paid for forage purchased by the contractor and of these paid for forage supplied by him to the Army at the same station, e.g., the firm bought oats from the Army at 11s. and sold oats to the Army at 17s. 10d. per 100lb. To this query I still await an answer."

## DEAF MUTES' FIRE PERIL.

Boy Climbs Down a Water-pipe in the Dead of Night to Get Ladders.

Happily there was no panic when a fire broke out to-day morning at the Cross Deaf and Dumb Schools at Preston.

The 150 boys maintained magnificent discipline. One boy clambered down a water-pipe and secured three ladders, down which several others descended in single file to safety, wearing only their night attire.

Smaller boys in another dormitory escaped by climbing through windows and passing along the roof to another room.

Other boys remained quietly in their dormitories till told to descend. When the whole number was mustered and the roll was called it was found that none was missing. The master engineer had to climb down a rope of sheets.

The damage amounted to several hundred pounds.

## GIANT'S BURIAL

No hearse being large enough, a trolley had to be obtained to convey the body of Mr. Charles Wilkes, B.A., to its last resting-place at Lingfield.

Mr. Wilkes weighed over twenty-seven stones, and twelve hearsemen were required to move the coffin on rollers to the grave prepared for it. The coffin weighed a little over 13cwt.

## CHEAPER MONEY.

Prosperity Reflected in the Rush of New Companies.

The reduction in the Bank of England rate yesterday from 5 per cent., at which it has stood since April 21 last, to 2½ per cent., was not expected for another month.

In the City it is regarded as an indication that peace cannot be far off.

Said a City authority to the *Daily Mirror*:—"The reduction is also an assurance of cheap money for some time to come.

"The reserve of gold at the Bank of England is larger than for a long while, and it will probably increase in the near future.

"One result is that considerable sums now placed with the banks on deposit rates may be withdrawn and employed to the advantage of the stock markets.

"There will be an all-round levelling up in quotations during the next few days.

## Fillip to New Companies.

"It will give a fillip also to new promotions."

"The striking feature about recent promotions is the number of motor-omnibus companies.

"Six weeks ago the London Motor-Omnibus Company's capital of £100,000 was eagerly subscribed.

"Yesterday the public were asked to subscribe £250,000 out of the £405,000 capital of the London and District Motor-Omnibus Company, and to-day the London Power Omnibus Company asks for £200,000.

"The man in the street naturally asks, 'Is there room for all these competitors in a field already congested?'

"The older omnibus companies are replacing their horse vehicles with motor-omnibuses. The London General Omnibus Company has at least sixty motor-omnibuses on order. Messrs. Tilling's are following suit.

"Yet four big new companies are coming into the business."

The older omnibus companies are not afraid. Knowledge of other matters besides horseflesh has been acquired with many years' experience.

The London Motor-Omnibus Company has seventy motor-omnibuses on order. The London and District Motor-Omnibus Company is to commence business with 200.

## LIBRARY IN EVERY HOME.

March 21 Will Be a Red Letter Day in Publishing Enterprise.

The vast fortunes that have been so rapidly built up on every hand have been gained by those who knew something that other people did not. The ignorant man is hopelessly at a discount.

No man can know everything, but there is no reason why he should not know where to go for knowledge. What is wanted is a reference library at the elbow which can be consulted at any moment. Such a library, in its most convenient form, is called an encyclopedia.

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## LEGACY TO MR. FLOWDEN.

More Lucky Servants Remembered in the Wills of Their Employers.

By the will of Mr. J. R. Walker, of the Temple, who died last December, £105 was left to Mr. A. C. Flowden, the Marylebone metropolitan magistrate.

To his father's head gardener he bequeathed £21, to the under-gardener and to his brother's coachman 10 guineas.

Among other servants benefiting under wills made known yesterday were:—

A butler .....	£120	A coachman .....	£160
A maid-servant .....	£130	A clerk—100 pref. shares in	
A gardener .....	£30	the Associated Portland	
A manservant .....	£50	Cement Company.	

## KING AND MOTOR-OMNIBUS.

King Edward, whilst out motoring near Slough, inspected one of the Great Western Railway Company's motor-omnibuses, which run between Slough and Beaconsfield.

His Majesty was much interested, and put several questions to the driver.



## ROYAL LOVERS MAY BE PARTED.

Quarrels Over German Crown Prince's Marriage Are Serious.

### DICTATORIAL KAISER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

BERLIN, Thursday.—There is but one topic of conversation in Berlin at the present time, and that is the situation of affairs between the Crown Prince and his fiancée, the Duchess Cecile of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, as discussed by the "Berliner Tageblatt" and other papers.

Among those best informed, it is now regarded as nearly certain that the wedding will in a few days be indefinitely postponed, and the match later on completely broken off.

The trouble lies at the door of the two parents—the Kaiser and the Grand Duchess Anastasia—and is not entirely due to the Florence affair.

The Kaiser is extremely fond of interesting himself in all sorts of minor details, and the mother of the bride-elect has strongly resented this interference.

Friction has been caused, according to the Paris "Journal," on all sorts of insignificant matters. First of all the material of the wedding dress caused strife, and the trousseau has been the occasion of high words.

#### Trousseau Troubles.

The Kaiser desires that the trousseau should be entirely purchased and made in Germany, and that no foreign country be allowed to furnish anything for it.

The Grand Duchess and her daughter, however, while they intend to get the greater portion of the trousseau in Berlin and other German towns, wish to have certain things from Paris and London.

The young Duchess on one of her visits to England was much struck with the beautiful Irish lingerie displayed in London shops, and wished to have some like it in her trousseau, while she likes her tailor-made gowns and riding-habits to be of English cut.

She has, too, a great fondness for some of the beautiful things she has seen in Paris shops.

#### Reared on English Lines.

The Grand Duchess Anastasia has brought up her children quite on English lines, and they have always been allowed a freedom of action and liberty of speech incompatible with the Kaiser's ideas of etiquette.

On several occasions he has sought to restrain the Duchess Cecile, and has spoken to her mother requesting that she should cultivate a more formal demeanour.

Suggestions such as these have been greatly resented by the proud and high-spirited Russian Princess, the Grand Duchess Anastasia, who will accept no advice and brook no contradiction from anyone, no matter who it is.

In the meantime the young couple are very much disturbed by these differences of opinion, and both sides are using all their influence to patch matters up.

#### WARNING TO WOULD-BE WIVES.

"I hope you have well considered your position," said Mr. Fordham at North London yesterday to an elderly woman with property who had asked advice as to her coming marriage.

"It often happens that men marry women of your age for their little property, and, having squandered it, become very brutal."

The applicant retired in a meditative mood.

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## TROUBLE OVER SAUCE

Young Couple's Happiness Vanishes Over a Dinner.

There was a packed court at Brentford yesterday when Mr. and Mrs. Sydney V. Platford, who were married last year, and are now but eighteen years old, had to explain why their household was unhappy.

The lady had summoned her husband for persistent cruelty. She was formerly a domestic servant, and the boy is the son of a gentleman of high local standing.

His earnings were stated to be less than £1 a week, and his young wife described, carrying a baby as she stood in the witness-box, how on one occasion at lunch there was trouble because she had provided white sauce with some fish instead of parsley sauce. She did not cut his hand when he reached over for the white sauce.

She did not remember saying, when the funeral of a local footballer took place, "If it were your funeral it would be one of the greatest pleasures of my life."

Counsel specified several acts of cruelty on the part of the boy-husband, such as pinching her shoulder, pushing the bristles of a broom in her face, and flinging matches at her.

The boy denied cruelty on oath, and when asked what kind of lunch he expected his wife to provide if he only earned 17s. 6d. a week, said: "Well, I prefer parsley sauce to white sauce, and one is quite as cheap as the other."

The Bench refused to make a separation order.

### CLERGYMAN'S TRAGIC END.



The Rev. A. C. Rogers, curate of St. Peter's, Eaton-square, who, after having been told by a doctor that he would lose his sight, was found lying dead in his bedroom with a wound in his throat.

### "THE LAW'S DISPLAY"

Justice Farwell Hopes His Court Is Not Being Used for Advertising Purposes.

That popular bone of contention of music-hall people who go to law, the "barring clause," played an important part in a case heard before Mr. Justice Farwell yesterday.

A music-hall artist was being sued by the London Pavilion for breach of contract.

It was said that the artist, Mr. Whit Cunliffe, had agreed, on taking his first engagement at the Pavilion last year, to give that place of amusement an option on his exclusive services in the West End of London for the next two years, and that he had broken this contract by entering into other contracts with the Tivoli and the Oxford.

After counsel on both sides had praised Mr. Cunliffe's ability as an artist, the Judge said: "I hope this court is not being used for advertising purposes."

Soon after this incident a friendly arrangement was come to, and the case ended.

### "GAOL-BREAKER" IN SAFE KEEPING.

Gaol-breaker, the man the police could not imprison. Detectives and police mystified. Can escape from tin trunks, packing-cases, and screwed-down collars.

This was an advertisement describing a young man named Herman.

When he was remanded this week at Walsley Police Court on a charge of false pretences, Superintendent McDonald proudly announced that Herman had not been able to get out of their cells.

"The telephone," remarked Judge Edge at Clerkenwell yesterday, "is very useful, but it is a most mischievous thing when there is a legal dispute."

## DEADLY WEATHER.

Hundreds of People Suffering from Influenza and Other Ills.

### STRIKING FIGURES.

The doctors throughout the country proclaim that spring has come by reason of the numerous ailments and indispositions which the change from winter invariably brings about.

Among a number of distinguished invalids are:—Viscount Peel (London), seriously indisposed. Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman (Dover), suffering from chill.

Sir Henry Irving (Wolsingham), suffering from chill, progressing favourably.

Sir John Leag, M.P. (London), suffering from bronchitis.

Marquis of Anglesey (Monte Carlo), pneumonia, condition serious.

Mr. Thomas Bayley, M.P. (London), suffering from pneumonia, condition serious.

Lord Justice Roper (London), indisposed. Dr. Richter (London), suffering from erysipelas. Mr. L. V. Harcourt (London), pneumonia.

The above list, according to a West End physician yesterday, is but a tithe of the number of distinguished sufferers confined to their houses by illness.

"In my district, which comprises Mayfair and Belgrave," he told the *Daily Mirror*, "I have 100 patients, all of them suffering more or less directly from the influence of the weather."

**Spring Illnesses.** The doctor added a list of those afflictions most prevalent just now. They are: Pneumonia, bronchitis, influenza, sore throat, cold, and chill. It is the chill particularly which everybody should guard against, for it is the first easy step to the worst of all spring illnesses—pneumonia. Out of 1,525 deaths in London during the past week there were twenty-five due to influenza alone and thirty-four to the children's spring disease, whooping cough.

Scarlet fever is another disease which is very prevalent just now. The metropolitan hospitals have 2,002 cases under treatment, being an increase of 290 during the week. A City doctor added another word of warning.

"The warm, damp atmosphere," he said, "is particularly trying to brain-workers, Banks, insurance companies, and big merchants have found their office staffs very much depleted in this way during the last few days."

### GRIM BATTLE OF LIFE.

Pitiful Story of a Young Couple's Vain Struggle Against Poverty.

A pathetic story was unfolded before Dr. Wynn Westcott at a Hackney inquest yesterday.

Only three years married, James Green, a Dalston coachman, in October last fell upon bad times. Unable to get work, he exhausted his little savings. The home was sold, and he and his wife were reduced to their last shilling.

Green never complained, said the widow, bursting into tears, but she could see him getting weaker and weaker, until at last he was induced to enter the workhouse, where he died of pneumonia, accelerated by want of food.

"It is very sad to think that a young couple with such good references were unable to find work," said Dr. Westcott, giving the poor woman a sovereign to make a fresh start with.

### LUXURIOUS DETECTIVE.

Day's Work Consisted of Lunching Well at His Client's Expense.

"What can you get at Gatti's for 5s. 6d.?" scornfully asked Mr. Edwin Williams, private detective, at the City of London Court yesterday.

He was suing Mr. Henry Dade, solicitor, for watching a well-known city financier, the defence being that the charges were exorbitant.

Mr. Dade: One day's work consisted of your going to Gatti's Café, and lunching. For that you charge £1 1s., and 5s. 6d. for the lunch. Solicitors don't get a guinea an hour for lunching at their clients' expense.

"All my men are Sherlock Holmeses," was another remark of Mr. Williams, which elicited loud laughter.

The detective, who had already been paid £10, was awarded a further £3 3s. 8d. and costs by Judge Lumley Smith.

### "CHAFF" AS A CRIME.

"Some women," said Mr. Robinson, prosecuting in a case at Lambeth Police Court yesterday, "very foolishly chaffed police constables."

"They all knew that next to assaulting the police, chaffing a constable was the most serious offence in the whole calendar of crime."

## SHRIEKS IN COURT.

Girl Witness Falls Into Hysterics During Cross-examination.

Sobs often came to the relief of womenfolk who find themselves in the witness-box of the Divorce Court, but fits of hysterics are fortunately rare.

There was a very painful case of hysterics yesterday shortly after the suit in which a Thomson Heath doctor is co-respondent was resumed.

A girl who was formerly a servant at St. Relands, the house of Mr. Miller, the petitioner, had told how she once surprised Dr. Fowler with his arm round Mrs. Miller's waist.

This witness gave her "evidence in chief" with apparent enjoyment of the novelty of her situation. She had smiled jauntily as she stepped into the witness-box.

Then Mr. Hugo Young, K.C., counsel for the co-respondent, questioned her about the various "places" she had been at, and about a flirtation which she had had with a young gardener.

There was a roar of laughter when she said that she did not run away from a situation—she "walked away."

Hardly had the laughter finished when the girl was filling the court with shrill shrieks.

Supported by an usher on each side and uttering agonised cries she was taken from the court, and put into the charge of a doctor.

A few hours later, a smile on her face once more, she was paying a visit of curiosity to the next court, where another divorce case was going on.

Towards the end of the sitting Dr. Fowler denied in detail all the charges that had been made against him.

The case was adjourned.

### GUMMED "LIBEL"

Servant Accuses Her Mistress of Drugging Her Food.

A well-dressed young parlourmaid named Florence Sears, of refined manners, admitted to Mr. Justice Darling, at the Old Bailey, yesterday, that she had gummed certain statements against her former mistress, Mrs. Luke, on the area railings.

Sears: I plead guilty to publishing the libel, but what I said is true. I did it with the intention of forcing her to bring the case into court.

The Judge: The fact of the libel being true is no defence. You must prove not only that it was true, but that it was to the public advantage that the truth should be known.

Sears: She drugged my food. She took a dislike to me and wanted to get rid of me.

The Judge: Do you mean to say she intended to murder you? In that case, of course, it is to the public advantage to know it.

Sears: She wanted to get rid of me.

The Judge: Of course you can put forward a plea of justification if you like.

Sears replied that she would prove it, and she was put back, a counsel being assigned her under the Poor Prisoners' Defence Act.

### RIGHT TO FRESH AIR.

Occasions When a Passenger May Smash a Carriage Window.

An eminent K.C. assured the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, with reference to the fine inflicted on a member of the Stock Exchange for breaking a railway carriage-window with his boot, that smashing a window is not always a misdemeanour.

It has been held in America that railway companies must carry fresh air, and that if a passenger cannot open the window, and there is no other effective ventilation, he is entitled to break the glass.

"Most English railway carriages are ventilated by other means as well."

"Occupants of corner-seats facing the engine have, within reasonable limits, the first right to control windows."

English travellers in Germany are greatly annoyed by the active dislike of fresh air in railway trains. In France duels frequently arise out of disputes over ventilation.

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## KENT COAL

## "PANTOMIME."

## Riotous Scene at a Meeting of Shareholders.

## ABUSE AND DERISION.

"Is this a meeting of serious business men, or is it a burlesque?" shouted one of the shareholders at yesterday's adjourned meeting of the Kent Collieries, Limited, at Cannon-street Hotel. A voice cried, "Pantomime," and derisive laughter was uppermost in the tumult.

The object of yesterday's assembly was to hear the result of the poll on Mr. Marks's amendment for a committee of shareholders to investigate the company's position.

There was tremendous cheering when Sir Owen Slack, the chairman, announced that it had been lost by some 20,000 votes. At once another shareholder jumped up with an amendment that the new company should allot the old shareholders 150,000 shares instead of 100,000, as proposed.

Upon the chairman putting the amendment a roar of protest rose from the shareholders, while a babel of voices shrieked, "We do not know what the amendment is," and "Read it out."

But the chairman persevered with his task, and declared the amendment carried.

Then the uproar became deafening, but one shareholder managed to gain a hearing, and shouted that the chairman's statement staggered him. If that was the way the company was to be conducted he was sorry for it.

"You are not fit to be chairman over such an assembly," cried another shareholder, his utterance choked with passion.

"Do you demand a poll?" asked Sir Owen Slack.

"I Don't Care Tuppence."

"I demand my right to speak," was the reply. "I don't care tuppence about you. You may depend upon it, you are playing the wrong game. Do not think you are going to inspire confidence in the British public by playing such a game."

People jumped up all over the hall, claiming their right to be heard, and at last a gentleman with a voice like a bugle was heard to say that the original amendment, the result of the poll upon which the chairman had announced at the commencement of the proceedings, had not been lost. He was one of the scrutineers, and ought to know.

Babel continued till the close of the meeting, one shareholder asserting that he had as much common-sense as several members of the board, and had not come there to vote like a sheep.

## LORD CLAUD ON "CRANKS."

Objects Equally to the "Too Old at Forty" and the Dietetic Kinds.

"I have very little toleration for cranks," said Lord Claud Hamilton at a staff smoking concert at Liverpool-street Station. He was not referring to locomotive cranks, but the scientific and dietetic kind.

It grieved him to see that cranks and faddists were on the increase. The statement of Dr. Osler, of the United States, that a man was fit for nothing after he had reached forty years of age, was a gross libel.

Even the deputy-chairman of the North British Railway had disproved this theory. He married a second wife at seventy-three years of age, and since then had had three children. If deputies did that sort of thing what might they expect of a real chairman? Dr. Osler's remarks were unworthy of notice.

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## ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Polite burglars, who entered a Bradford provision merchant's warehouse, considerably fixed a new padlock on the door before they left.

For selling apples to a child at his back door on a Sunday a greengrocer has been fined at Castleford.

After hearing of the practice elsewhere, the Hull Burials Committee have decided to continue Sunday funerals.

Next Sunday's evening meeting at the Albert Hall in connection with the Torrey-Alexander mission will be for both sexes. The men's meeting is to-morrow.

Six Liverpool nurses are being sent out to the Hamidieh Hospital at Constantinople at the request of the Sultan, to teach English methods of treating the injured.

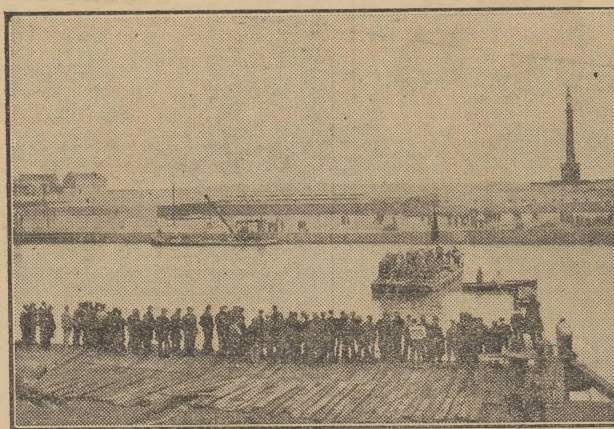
Useful in a collision is an indiarubber costume which has just been invented for motorists. It is guaranteed to render any automobilist proof against injury from accidents.

Mr. James Jones, Penpembren, Aberystwith, who has just died, was the father of six Welsh clergymen. His record of six sons labouring in the Church of Wales is probably without parallel.

Great agility was displayed by a Grimshy bailiff who effected an entrance to a house by climbing through the bedroom-window. The tenant tried to prove that the entry was illegal, but the county court Judge held otherwise.

Atlantic waves have been carefully measured, and in height are found to average about 30ft., but in rough weather they attain from 40ft. to 48ft. In storms they are often from 500ft. to 600ft. long, and last ten or twelve seconds.

## LAYING ELECTRIC CABLES IN THE RIVER YARE.



The armored electric cables which this photograph shows being laid in the bed of the River Yare, will convey the electric current for the lighting of Gorleston and Southtown, and also the current for the Varmouth and Gorleston tramways, now in the course of construction.

Postmen may regain forfeited good conduct stripes by two years' unblemished service, said Lord Stanley in a Parliamentary paper yesterday.

Famous for its connection with the political history of Surrey, the White Hart Hotel, at Guildford, is one of the houses that will cease to exist by the operation of the Licensing Act.

In the shrubberies in Hyde Park, close to Knightsbridge Barracks, a pied blackbird has lately been seen. It is a fine specimen, quite white, with a few black feathers in the wings.

Little Tothill-street, Westminster, has been renamed Dean Farrar-street, in memory of the late Canon of Westminster. The name Tothill is derived from the old Tothill Fields, where once stood an inn with a secret passage used by Dick Turpin.

A Barnsley policeman said in court he judged a man to be drunk because "his head was on his chest." The defending solicitor retorted, "I am afraid many men in the House of Commons would be charged with drunkenness if that were the only sign."

The apparatus to quench the Holy Spirit, said a reverend speaker at the Evangelical Congress at Manchester yesterday, is a church in which the minister brings with him the air of the Arctic zone, when deacons creep up the aisles like polar bears, and the congregations are as stiff and frigid as stalactites in a cavern.

After marrying her deceased sister's husband a woman became insane. She is now in a Lancashire asylum. At the last meeting of the Leigh Guardians it was stated that the brother-in-law, or husband, had disappeared since he was rescued from the Thames, into which he threw himself at Blackfriars Bridge.

"Gentlemen are requested not to bring motor-cars to the meet," runs a notice sent out on the fixture-card of the Burstow Foxhounds, a Surrey pack.

Injured by the fall of a scaffold pole a Lydgate (Yorkshire) bricklayer named Tolley lived for ten months afterwards with a broken spine.

"It was easier to be good when she was here" is a little girl's epitaph at Conway. This tribute fell from the lips of one of her companions.

Heywood (Lancs) youths are said to make a practice of going straight from Sunday school to a place at Heap Bridge, where card-playing for money regularly goes on.

Municipal telephones have proved a great success in Hull. The number of calls exceeded 10,000 on one day, and yet the undertaking was only commenced a little over a year ago.

Never once during the thirty-nine years that Mr. Aswell has been master at the Neyland (New Milford) Board School has he been absent. Among his present-day pupils are several grandchildren of his early scholars.

Butterflies of a certain species, says Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. E. Adamson, emit a distinctive and not unpleasant odour. There is also a kind of butterfly which possesses the power of mimicking these "scented" specimens.

"Prince" Samonda, a well-dressed West African, described as a magician, obtained an order at Liverpool against an artist who had detained one of his pictures. This was an oil-painting displayed outside the "Prince's" travelling penny show, and the artist had been engaged to touch it up.

## OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Descriptions of the Principal Photographs in To-day's "Daily Mirror."

## ALL ABOUT THE PICTURES.

## OUR WAR PICTURES.

To-day we are again able to place before our readers a remarkable series of portraits and other photographs, as well as sketches made from specially cabled descriptions, illustrating the colossal struggle between the vast armies around Mukden, Oyama and General Kuropatkin around Mukden.

One of the photographs on page 9 shows a military market in the Manchurian capital. As the headquarters of the armies of the Great White Tsar, Mukden has been a centre of much trading activity during the past few months. "Ivan Ivanovitch," the Russian equivalent for "Tommy Atkins," draws only the smallest of pay, but such as it is he spends it the moment it has come into his hands, and the official and unofficial traders who have been catering for him in Mukden have been making a lot of money.

On the same page is a photograph showing a Russian medical corps crossing a frozen river close by the city. Some idea of the tremendous work and strain thrown upon doctors, nurses, and bearers can be obtained when one remembers that already the Russian losses in the titanic battle now drawing to its close are estimated to be well over 100,000, while it is not unlikely that a figure much higher still would be more correct.

The drawing on page 1 graphically shows the difficulties, natural and artificial, that have been surmounted by the indomitable Japanese during their resistless advance. Lines of great trenches defended the Russian positions, and pits and traps of every kind were contrived to render a successful attack as nearly impossible as might be.

But the Japanese were not to be stopped. They scaled the precipitous sides of trenches under heavy fire, and though in some cases the yawning pits were at last filled with ghastly heaps of their dead and wounded, they eventually got across, and came to grips with the enemy.

The illustration on page 9 will help to an understanding of the street fighting that occurred. Every point of vantage was stubbornly contested, and these encounters were among the most sanguinary of the war. The courtesy of the "Illustrated London News" enables us to reproduce this picture.

## BLACKBURN'S BABY HERO.

James Nield, the five-year-old Blackburn boy whose heroism has just received public recognition, appears in a photograph on page 8, with the small brother whom he rescued from their burning home.

The youthful hero has been presented with the emblazoned certificate of the London Society for Protection of Life from Fire, which was handed to him by the Mayor of Blackburn in open court. The mayor added a sovereign to the presentation on his own account, and the police and fire-brigade officials clucked together to open a banking account for Master Nield.

## EXTRAORDINARY FIRE AT GLASGOW.

The photograph on page 8 was taken at the scene of one of the most remarkable conflagrations that have ever been placed on record.

It broke out on the premises of Messrs. Hunter and Warren, explosive agents, and the brigade, which was quickly on the spot, could do little beyond preventing the flames from spreading to adjoining buildings, for thousands of cartridges were exploding and keeping up a constant miniature bombardment.

Shortly after the fire was discovered there was a tremendous explosion, the upper part of the building being blown high into the air. Only when the entire block in which Messrs. Hunter and Warren's premises were situated was gutted was the outbreak finally subdued.

## STRAWBERRIES AT 30s. PER LB.

A good show of early fruit is being made at Covent Garden. Some of it is photographed in the picture on page 8.

The fruit includes strawberries, priced from 12s. to 16s. per lb. for the second quality, the best quality, with each strawberry separately packed in cotton-wool, being sold at from 25s. to 30s. per lb. Asparagus costs 30s. to 40s. for a small bundle, green peas—shelled, of course—can be had at about 10s. per quart, while beans from Madeira are no more than 1s. 3d. per lb.

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## A USELESS SACRIFICE.

THE Russian apologists are taking their usual line. "General Kuropatkin's aim," they say, "is to wear the Japanese out. His game is to retreat slowly northwards and draw the enemy further and further away from their base. He is really winning all the time."

Well, of course, anyone who likes can believe that this is the plan on which General Kuropatkin is conducting his campaign. But we do not see how any sane person can suppose it will do Russia any good.

Even supposing he could eventually defeat the Japanese armies on land and get back to Port Arthur, the Japanese navy would still have command of the sea, and could at its leisure blow Port Arthur to pieces.

Russia having lost command of the sea has lost Manchuria, and it is time the Tsar recognised this and made up his mind to the inevitable. Having ordered Admiral Rojestvensky to turn back, he has thrown up the sponge at sea. How long will he go on making a useless sacrifice of the lives of his brave soldiers on land?

## "FOR LOVERS OF FRESH AIR."

Everybody has suffered either from people who insist on having railway-carriage windows open or from those who insist on their being kept shut. Naturally, therefore, the case just heard, which dealt with the rights of passengers with regard to fresh air in trains, is attracting wide notice.

No one would approve of the action of the stockbroker who broke a window because his fellow-passengers would not allow him to put it down. Yet, if his action should lead to some agreement being arrived at as to the opening and shutting of carriage windows, he would be an unconscious benefactor to the human race.

At present one person with a dislike of ventilation can make nine other people uncomfortable, and even ill. This is absurd, and yet it often happens. So unselfish are we, as a nation, that we prefer suffering to exercising our undoubted rights.

The best plan would be for the railway companies to set apart carriages for those who like fresh air, just as they provide smoking compartments. All who travelled in these would have to put up with open windows, whether they liked them or not.

The only sensible alternative is for the question, "Open or shut?" to be decided by a majority, and for the minority either to accept the verdict or get out.

## THE CLEANING MANIA.

We fervently hope there is no truth in the report that the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's intend to have London's beautiful Cathedral cleaned down by some American process.

As Ruskin was never tired of pointing out, it is the stains of Time upon old buildings which do so much to make them beautiful. Even commonplace buildings often please the eye for this reason. When, instead of being commonplace, they are of perfect proportion and noble form, like St. Paul's, their weather-beaten walls are a precious heritage, to be guarded with reverent care.

To make St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey look like new buildings would be to take away a very large part of their dignity and charm. The very idea is vulgar and revolting. It must have been born in the brain of some American, who resents having no ancient buildings in his own country and is spitefully anxious to do all he can to spoil ours.

## THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Whatever else you may be, you must not be useless, and you must not be cruel.—*Ruskin.*

# THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

TO-DAY is the anniversary of King Edward's marriage. To those who remember the festivities and rejoicings which accompanied that historical event it scarcely seems possible that forty-two years can have passed since Queen Alexandra, as a young Danish princess, came over to live in England. She was given a tremendous welcome. Her journey from Copenhagen to London was a prolonged ovation. Before leaving Denmark Princess Alexandra distributed dowries to six brides of humble class who were to be married on the same day as herself. Every town in Denmark presented her with an address, a souvenir, something to express the national regret at losing her.

All this must have made her feel, indeed, a great deal of regret at leaving her quiet home for a

more or less unknown place and people. But the English who gathered to cheer her at Gravesend must have convinced her that she had come amongst friends. Certainly, she has always done her best to please them. One who saw her arrive at Gravesend has told me how pleased she looked with her welcome. She wore a blue gown (she had had it made of Queen Victoria's favourite colour, as a compliment to her mother-in-law). The only mishap in the elaborate ceremony occurred when some rather short-sighted functionary trod upon the train of this dress.

As to the reception in London, that was equally enthusiastic. The royal carriage moved at a snail's pace. Near the Mansion House it stopped altogether, and an over-zealous working man, overcome with emotion, ventured to extend his hand

to the Princess. Without a moment's hesitation she took it and shook it warmly, to the intense delight of everybody. Meanwhile, Lord Alfred Paget, who was attending upon the Prince of Wales, put his head out of the window and said in a bored and drawing voice: "My good fellows, we want to go to Windsor. Pray let us pass." The words were greeted with shouts of "Hurrah!" and "That you shall," and the Princess passed on, having won the heart of the great British Public.

The busiest man in London just at present is Mr. Gilbert Hare, who is "producing" the great "Du Barri" play for Mrs. Brown-Potter at the Savoy. So heavy is the work entailed by the production that he has had to postpone it from next Saturday night till Saturday week. I saw Mr. Hare in the midst of a rehearsal the other night, and he told me that the play has fifty-eight speaking characters in it, with an enormous number of "walkers-on," and that Mrs. Brown-Potter's part is the best she has ever had. Mr. Hare himself has a "small but effective" part. Meanwhile, he is at the theatre day and night. He leaves it at about three in the morning, and is nearly always back in it by ten.

Mr. Pierpont Morgan, who arrives in London from New York to-day, is one of the few people whose movements it is really important to chronicle for other than social reasons. A Stock Exchange friend of mine, whose business occasionally comes either into collision or collusion with Mr. Morgan's, tells me that his only moments of perfect peace are when Mr. Morgan is in mid-ocean. Even those moments will soon, in these days of Marconi telegrams, be taken from him, I suppose. Anyhow, as soon as Mr. Morgan sets foot upon shore the financial world begins to tremble at the influence of his volcanic presence.

If you want to get a glimpse of the world's most famous multi-millionaire without being seen by him, look better go and hide behind one of the innumerable cases of bronzes, vases, copies, and relics with which the South Kensington Museum is at present stocked, and which is the nucleus of the great art collection which Mr. Morgan is at present buying all over Europe. The last time he was over here I happened to be strolling amongst the objects "lent by J. Pierpont Morgan, Esq.," when I saw a thick-set, determined-looking man coming towards me. The man had a big head, a big nose, iron-grey hair, and piercing eyes. He was almost shabbily dressed.

To my astonishment he began to open the cases, and take out bronze after bronze, which he discussed with a smartly-dressed man with him. I thought it about time to alarm the police. "Who is that man with the large head?" I said to the policeman. It was Mr. Morgan himself. He looked a hard man, but I happen to know that he is less hard than he looks. Not long ago he was at a circus when one of the performers fell and hurt himself. Mr. Morgan sent round for the man's name, sent him to the hospital, went to see him there, and had him nursed back to health at his own expense.

The "Dream of Gerontius," which was conducted at Manchester last night by Dr. Elgar, amid great enthusiasm, is, of course, a setting of the famous poem by Cardinal Newman. The author was deeply touched when he saw the marked copy which had belonged to General Gordon, and which was recovered after the recapture of Khartoum. One passage which Gordon underlined when he was alone amongst enemies with the sense of his coming fate upon him was this:—

My work is done,  
My task is o'er,  
And so I come  
Taking it home.

A few days after reading those words Gordon was murdered at Khartoum.

Mr. Norman Forbes, a younger brother of Forbes Robertson, who is giving some performances of "The Merchant of Venice" at Terry's Theatre, received his dramatic education under Sir Henry Irving in the best days of the Lyceum. He did not always have good parts, and I remember the amusing account he gave me once of how Irving used to prepare him for a small one, "gliding the pill" by saying: "I've a fine part for you, Forbes, a fine part, very fine part." "What part, sir?" Then Sir Henry would reply: "Third murderer," or "first soldier," as the case might be, and continue to murmur, "Fine part, fine part," until Mr. Forbes had departed!

## IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 9.—Two daffodil buds have burst in my garden to-day! They are quite a fortnight earlier than last year.

One is the Tenby daffodil, which is the earliest trumpet variety to flower. The other is called *Nanus*. This has a beautiful little blossom, and grows only about six in. high. It is very charming for a rockery.

Mischievous sparrows have begun to spoil some yellow crocuses. They do not eat the flowers, but peck at them for the sheer love of destruction.

Birds have also been nipping off primrose blooms. White paper, suspended by cotton, keeps birds at bay better than anything. E. F. T.

## "TOO CLOUDY TO GO TO SEA JUST NOW."



King Edward has sent a message to King Carlos expressing deep regret that motives of high importance prevent his accompanying Queen Alexandra to Portugal just now.

## A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Marshal Oyama.

MARSHAL OYAMA reports that the enemy, beaten in every direction, commenced retreat in the early morning of Wednesday, and our army are in vigorous pursuit."

So says a telegram received at the Japanese Legation, and consequently Marshal Oyama is once more the man of the moment.

He and Admiral Togo have been the men of the moment in Japan ever since the war broke out. When Togo had done his part as sea, Marshal Oyama began his work on land. Not for one moment has he been at fault, either while he was organising at home or since he has actually directed the forces at the front.

And he has the full trust of his country. From the Mikado to the smallest child, everyone knows that he is the man to lead Japan to victory.

His life's business has been war. He has studied it in Europe and applied it in the East. To have twice captured Port Arthur, once from China and once from Russia, is a feat not likely to be equalled.

The last thing one would expect him to be from his appearance is a soldier. He is tall, for a Japanese, and stout, and his round face is quite boyish at a distance. When one is near him one finds that he is deeply pitted with smallpox and that his eyes have a decided cast.

Though he can be ruthless when necessary, he is really a most tender-hearted man. He loves all animals—especially cats. Children hold out their hands to him by instinct, and dogs follow him in the streets.

## IS THIS HOW THE TSAR FEELS?

"Upon the Troublesome Times."

O, Times most bad,  
Without the scope  
Of hope  
Of better to be had!  
Where shall I go,  
Or whither run,  
To shun  
This public overthrow?  
No places are—  
This I am sure—  
Secure  
In this, our warring war.  
Some storms we've passed;  
Yet we must all  
Down fall,  
And perish at the last.

ROBERT HERRICK (1591—1634).

She: If you attempt to kiss me, I shall certainly scream for help.  
He: But I don't need any help.—"Life" (New York).

"Charles, have you ever considered going into any business?"

"Naw. The governor wanted me to last year, but I told him, don'tcherknow, it was enough to have one tradesman in the family."—"Puck" (New York).



# PICTORIAL NEWS

## FAMOUS VIOLINIST TEACHING HER BROTHER.



Among the family of Miss Marie Hall, the girl violinist, whose sudden rise to fame surprised all England, there is much musical ability, and her younger brother, who shows much promise, is being taught by his famous sister. — (Daily Mirror copyright.)

## REYNARD'S TRAGIC END.



To secure this interesting photograph the man with the camera had to be "in at the death." The snapshot shows the end of a run with the Earl of Harrington's hounds in Nottinghamshire. The brush has been secured and the huntsman has just tossed the body of the fox to the hounds. — (Barrett.)

## BULLDOG SEIZED BY BAILIFFS



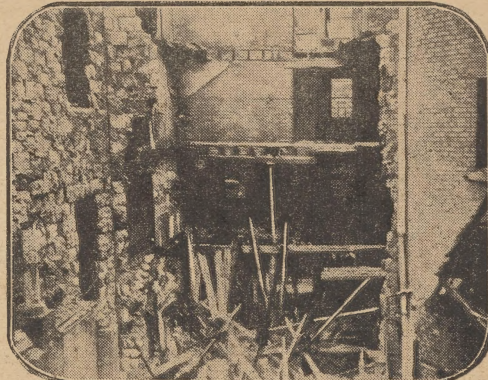
This famous bulldog, Lord Brearley, valued at £1,000, was seized by bailiffs while on the show bench at the Agricultural Hall, to satisfy a debt of a few shillings.

## OPIUM SMOKING IN LONDON.



At the Pyrolitic Institute, recently opened in Red Lion-square, Holborn, opium smoking is to be seen daily. But the institute is not an opium den conducted by Chinamen. It is under the direction of a medical specialist, who believes that opium smoking will cure many forms of disease. — (Daily Mirror copyright.)

## WRECKED BY FIRE AND EXPLOSION.



No sooner had the outbreak of fire been discovered on the premises of Messrs. Hunter and Warren, explosive agents, of Glasgow, than a terrific explosion occurred. The upper part of the building was blown into the air, and the fire raged so fiercely that the premises and an adjoining church were completely gutted.

## FRUIT FOR THE WEALTHY.



This photograph gives some idea of the high prices now being demanded for fruit at Covent Garden. Prime strawberries are at from 25s. to 30s. a pound, pineapples 10s. each, scarlet runners from Madeira 1s. 3d. a pound, asparagus from 30s. to £2 a bundle, peas 10s. a quart, and Navel oranges 5s. a dozen.

## FIVE-YEAR-OLD HERO.



James Nield, only five years old (in the front), has, for saving his little brother (seen standing behind) from a fire, received a public testimonial from the Mayor of Blackburn.

## RUSSIAN



An animated scene



# PICTURES · FROM · ALL · PARTS ·

VICTORIOUS JAPANESE CARRY THE FIGHTING INTO THE STREETS OF MUKDEN.



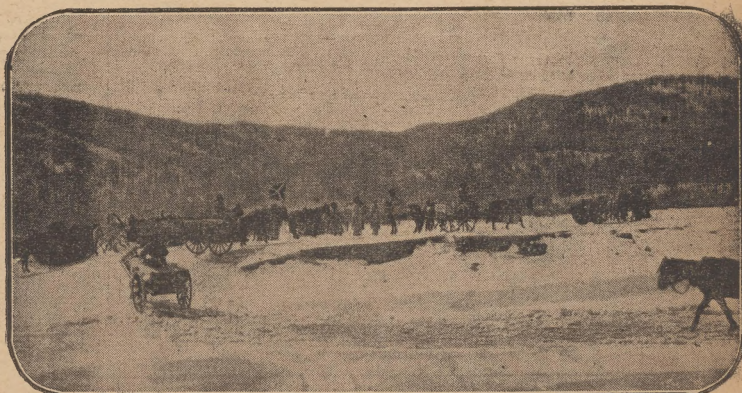
of the victorious Japanese army has pushed its way into the streets of Mukden, where there has been much desperate fighting. But Marshal Oyama, to preserve the sanctity of the place, whence arose the Imperial Dynasty of China, has forbidden his troops to take up quarters in the city.

DIERS IN THE MILITARY MARKET AT MUKDEN.



military market at Mukden, where, before the great battle opened, soldiers came daily to buy the minor luxuries offered for sale.

RUSSIAN MEDICAL STAFF ON THE MARCH.



A detachment of the Russian medical staff that has lately had such terrible work in Manchuria photographed while on its way to the present Russian headquarters.

FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS SEE PAGE 6.







# 100-YEAR-OLD SINGER

Three Generations of the Garcia Family Famous at the Same Time.

On Friday next the most widely-celebrated living member of the musical profession, Signor Manuel Garcia, celebrates his hundredth birthday. Manuel Garcia at the age of 100 is the most famous music-teacher alive. His book on singing



SIGNOR MANUEL GARCIA.

has been translated into almost every European language, and is still the reference-book for all teachers.

His son, Gustave Garcia, after a noteworthy career on the operatic stage, is professor at the Guildhall School and the Royal College of Music. His grandson, Albert Garcia, is well-known in this country as a concert baritone, though he is much better known in France.

But Manuel Garcia was not the first of his family to contribute to the world's music. His father, Manuel del Popolo Vicente Garcia, born as long ago as 1775, had established a reputation by the time he was thirty.

## MUCH-TRAVELLED SINGER.

In the course of his career he travelled almost the whole world over. In New York he produced eleven new Italian operas in one year. In Mexico he brought out eight operas, and in eighteen months made a profit of £5,000, but was robbed on the way home by brigands and his own guides of all he possessed. He returned to Paris, where he died in 1882.

As a teacher Manuel Garcia was extraordinarily successful, for he had great influence with his pupils. The infinite pains he took with them never failed to win their affection. Jourdan, the celebrated Parisian tenor, used to tell a story of his early days, which speaks volumes for the great master's care of his pupils.

One day after some remarks made by Garcia about his singing, Jourdan left the class in a temper, and did not return for the next lesson. Garcia, noticing his absence, went to his lodgings, a small room on a fifth floor, and took the young fellow

gently by the ear, saying, "Come along, naughty young man, come and have your lesson."

Gustave Garcia, Manuel's son, though born in the atmosphere of music, did not receive any special musical training until he had attained the age when it became necessary for him to choose a profession. He then decided to follow that of his predecessors, and went to Paris to study. After twelve months he came to London to work under his father. In less than a year he started for Milan, where he obtained an engagement at La Scala—the most important theatre in Italy.

His debut was not what he had anticipated. His first song was greeted with a storm of hisses, for the impulsive Italians bestow their hisses and applause



SIGNOR GUSTAVE GARCIA.

with equal generosity, according to the spirit of the moment. He got through the rest of the season without further mishap, however.

Gustave Garcia's next engagement was at Athens. There again a storm awaited him, for scarcely had the theatre opened its door than the long expected revolution broke out.

He returned to Italy to fulfil several engagements, and finally came back to England to settle



MADAME MALIBRAN.

Miss Warren looked impressed, but still uncertain.

"Are you not aware that Mrs. Tempest asked her daughter to accompany her back to Nice only yesterday?" Lady Betty asked.

Miss Warren nodded sympathetically. "I was present at part of the interview," she said, swelling with importance. "Indeed, I may say that I persuaded Miss Tempest to see her mother. It's sad to witness such an estrangement."

"Well, I have persuaded Miss Tempest to go back to her mother," said Lady Betty. "Now you understand. We will send for her things later, and please let us have your account, and thank you for what you have done for Miss Tempest."

"I trust a happy understanding will be arrived at," ventured Miss Warren, whose scruples were now completely overidden by the dominating manner of the visitor, who was evidently a great lady accustomed to being obeyed.

"I trust so," said Lady Betty curtly. "Here is Miss Tempest. Good afternoon!"

Joan walked past Miss Warren without seeing her, and took her place in the car beside Lady Betty.

The one glimpse that the good lady to whom she had been entrusted at the girl's father's shock had that she rushed back into the house and called her sister, and told her that she was sure that the real explanation of the whole mysterious affair was that Miss Tempest was wrong in her head, and that it was a good thing she had been taken away.

"She walked past me, my dear, without seeing me!" cried the younger sister excitedly. "She was white as a sheet, and staring vacantly into space!"

"It's love, my dear, that sends women off their heads," remarked the elder Miss Warren philosophically. "She'll get over it. Her mother hinted as much—I think we'd better pack the poor

as a concert singer and teacher. Like his father, he has written a book, "The Actor's Art," which has run into several editions.

Perhaps more famous than Manuel himself is his sister Madame Malibran. She made her first appearance on the operatic stage in London at the age of seventeen, and at once secured an engagement for the rest of the season, about six weeks, for £500.

She then went to America, where she created a furore. In 1829 she was back in London at a salary of £60 a night. The next year she was paid £125, and the year following £275 for twenty-four performances, fees which were unprecedented before that time. She died in 1836 as the result of a fall from her horse.

Another sister, Madame Viardot, after a distinguished career, is still teaching and composing at the age of eighty-three.



SIGNOR ALBERT GARCIA.

## WAS HAMLET CRUEL?

Mr. H. B. Irving Discusses the Lines on Which He Will Play the Part.

Mr. H. B. Irving is evidently going to give us an original Hamlet.

"One of my ideas," he has told the "World," "is that there is a certain element of cruelty, the cruelty inherent in most weak natures, mingled with the affection and sweetness of the Prince's disposition. This, I think, is strongly shown not only by his almost indifferent bearing on the discovery of his unintentional slaughter of Polonius, but also in certain passages which are usually omitted from the acting version."

Mr. Irving also holds that the naked sword soliloquy, beginning, "Now might I do it pat, while it is praying," was meant to show the cruel, the intense hatred Hamlet felt for his uncle—a hatred which is the mainspring of all his actions.

Apparently he intends also to dress the part in his own way.

"I have often thought it would be worth while to give more emphasis to the neglect of dress and other outward signs, by which the Prince would naturally seek to deceive those around him as soon as he began to 'put an antic disposition on.' A man who had made up his mind to play the madman would undoubtedly take steps to look the part, as well as to act it, and that is one of the points which I want to keep in view."

Curiously enough, Mr. Irving has no recollection of his father in the part. He was four when Sir Henry put it on first, and only eight when it was revived.

young creature's things—what lovely fine things she has, to be sure!—and send our account to Nice."

Meanwhile the big car speedily covered the distance between the hills and the sea. Neither Lady Betty nor Joan spoke a word. Lady Betty, indeed, felt that she had done her part, and that any more interference on her side was impossible. The mother and daughter must face each other, and what they said was for no ears to hear and for no mind to guess, for, facing each other, they stood on the very bedrock of human life.

Lady Betty pulled up at the entrance of the hotel on the broad, palm-lined promenade. The sun was setting in a flood of crimson; there was a sharp bite in the air.

"Come with me," said the older woman to Joan, as they entered the hotel. "I will take you to her at once."

She inquired the number of Vanna's room, and they were shown up.

Lady Betty dismissed the servant, and knocked at the door herself.

"Who is there?" Vanna's voice called out.

"It is I, Lady Betty—and I have brought Joan."

There was a series of footsteps dragging themselves across the room; the key was turned in the lock, the door was opened. Lady Betty pushed Joan forward, then turned and went downstairs, hearing the door close again.

The mother and daughter faced each other, both white and rigid, with the same wonderful blue-black eyes opened wide, and with the same fixed gaze.

"Lady Betty says," Joan began, in a hard, dry voice, without any form of preamble or greeting, "that he was your lover."

"It is true," Vanna returned her daughter's gaze steadily. "I tried to make you understand. Now you know at last that you cannot marry him."

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## THE BIG FLAT-IRON IDEA.

On a triangular plot of ground in the very heart of New York City stands the most extraordinary piece of architecture in the world. The triangle is not equal in measurement on all three sides, but is shaped something like a flat-iron, and so the structure, before it was raised, came to be known as "The Flat-Iron Building." It is 23 storeys, or about 210 feet, high, built of stone and iron, and the nose of the flat-iron points to the north, exactly where Fifth Avenue and Broadway cross each other at an acute angle.

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Mrs. Emma Mole, a laundry keeper, living at 92, Latimer-road, London, W., said: "I felt as if a great load—a flat-iron I called it, to my husband—had been lifted from my chest, and I was free and active again!" This phrase shows how one's business influences their ideas and forms of thought. She was describing in a letter, dated October 27, 1904, the miseries she had endured for many years from chronic bronchitis, muscular rheumatism, indigestion, headaches, drowsiness, and all the other aches and pains that come from "stomach troubles." She had had doctors and tried various medicines and used liniments and embrocations, including some mustard oil brought from India—but all to no avail.

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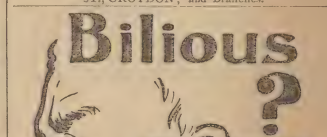
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## A MAN IN A MILLION.

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look, but Joan only returned it with a quiet, steady glance.

"I will meet you downstairs," Lady Betty added hurriedly.

They passed out of the room together—out of the blaze of sunlight. In the comparative darkness of the corridor Lady Betty was startled and shocked by the fragile, ethereal look of the girl. She was as white as if fashioned out of snowdrift—as pathetic as the martyr of Delarocche. And yet she was like a wall of ice, and Lady Betty could find no way into her heart.

With a deep sigh the older woman went down to find the lady to whom she was an attendant, and with a rather pinched face and a mining manner, and she was evidently much impressed by the visitor's easy, imperious manner, and, probably, still more by the splendid motor-car outside the villa gates, at which she had taken a long look from an upper window.

"I am taking Miss Tempest away with me," said Lady Betty.

Miss Warren tried to look important, but only succeeded in looking alarmed.

"I am afraid, madam, that my instructions are very definite," she said, putting on a secretive expression. "Mrs. Tempest told me not on any account to allow the young lady to go beyond the grounds of the villa, where she can take as much exercise as is necessary for her health." She waved her hand round, as if to infer that the villa garden was no mean rival to Windsor's Great Park.

"I will take all responsibility," said Lady Betty impatiently. "I have authority from Mrs. Tempest to do whatever I choose. My name is Lady Betty Somerville. I will leave you my card; you can communicate with Mrs. Tempest at once."



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# PRETTY PETTICOATS AND THE VOGUE OF THE LINGERIE MODEL.

## SKIRTS FOR SPRING

### TOILETTES.

#### MARCH DAYS AND TEMPESTUOUS PETTICOATS.

The cult of the petticoat becomes more and more important every season, and perhaps this spring has reached an apex of popularity owing to the very general adoption of short skirts for the promenade. With the short skirt the petticoat is likely to be in evidence when the wearer sits down or encounters a gale of wind, or walks with a swinging gait, and, moreover, the trottoir costume needs to be held away from the feet, as it is usually unlined, and therefore demands the support of frills and flounces and cordings in some material as crisp as silk or as obliging as moiré.

Possibly the most satisfactory of the generally useful petticoats is the one with the jersey top, which may either be composed of silk or wool. When correct in measurement it fits perfectly without the slightest fulness. It wears well, too; in fact, one top will outwear a number of silk flounces which can be attached and detached at will to it, so there is excellent economy in this form of substitution.

#### Serviceable and Artistic Materials.

It will be conceded everywhere that a well-shaped japon has much to do with the lines of a full outer skirt, and if this outer skirt is unlined and has not even a drop lining, a really serious responsibility devolves upon the petticoat. Serviceable skirts with mohair tops and silk flounces are sold for hard wear, and moiré skirts are always in demand at this season of the year. But one and all fit the hips with absolute accuracy.

A very cheap taffetas, attractive as it may be in colour and design, is an extravagant purchase for a skirt, because it so soon wears out, but the more expensive taffetas are long-lived. A soft-finished taffetas, while it does not hold the dress skirt out so well as the stiffer quality, wears better, and to-day the rustle of the stiff silks is held to be a disadvantage rather than an advantage, for the frong-iron sound is no longer modish. Tartan skirts are at this moment making quite a sensational triumph.

A strong, heavy Surah silk makes a good petticoat, and many of the tartan Surahs are being utilised for smart petticoats this season. The shot silks, too, are liked and are shown in the most attractive colourings. Short walking skirts of shot silk made with a deep flounce formed of many narrow frills, the top of each frill gauged to the hem of the one above, so that the flounce spreads to great fulness at the edge, are deservedly popular. Little ruches of silk cover the lines where the narrow frills join, and the ample spread of the flounce will hold out even a heavy walking skirt.

#### Brodierie Anglaise in Silk on Silk.

Of more elaborate and delicate silk petticoats there is no end, and there is, too, no end to the form of trimming used upon them. White taffetas petticoats trimmed with lace or broderie Anglaise are legion. Broderie Anglaise executed on silk and all in one colour makes an exceedingly smart trimming for a light silk petticoat, as well as for a lingerie petticoat on cambric; and the heavy linen and crash petticoats worked in broderie Anglaise which were introduced last summer have been worn throughout the winter, and are going to be tremendously popular during the coming summer.

Of the lingerie petticoats there will be volumes to write. How the laundresses will rejoice over the new vogue for them. They grow more wonderful and beautiful each hour, with their laces and em-

broideries and handwork. The fine batiste skirts with raised embroideries upon them will have great success.

Elaborate petticoats of rich brocade trimmed with festoons of lace, little flower wreaths and garlands, bow-knots, and so forth, are bought by the wealthy or made by the deft of hand, and appliqué embroideries are also worn in the ornamentation of the silk petticoats, many of which, like the tartan one illustrated, are edged with an accordion pleated frill of taffetas, or for evening wear of chiffon, placed beneath Vandykes ruffled at the edge. At all the smart shops petticoat

## NOTES ON THE COIFFURE.

### CONSIDER YOUR FEATURES CRITICALLY.

Every woman wishes to look her best in the evening—that is an understood point—and yet an astonishing number of them do not seem to know how they are to achieve this much-longed-for result. It is, without question, upon the last finishing touches that so much depends, and that is what so many fail to understand. The average

plenty of girls who have seen on a friend a certain style of hairdressing which appeals to them, and have instantly imitated it, utterly regardless of the fact that their own profile would be shown to much better advantage by a totally different arrangement.

As a rule those who are endowed with regular and sharply-defined features look best with the hair dressed in a loose coil in the nape of the neck, but this is not always the case, and each woman should study her own wants and decide for herself which style of hairdressing is most becoming to her. She may then adhere to it, with necessary modifications to suit the mode.

#### Bright Paillettes.

Artificial flowers seem ever the prettiest of all ornaments for the hair, and, indeed, are always in fashion, either plain or studded with crystals, jet, or bright paillettes, the sparkle of which is always effective against the hair. Large flowers and tiny forget-me-not wreaths are alike in vogue, so that individual taste is alone necessary for the choice.

With the hair draped upon the brow and worn low in the neck, medium-sized wreaths brought well forward in front, the ends coming down on each side of the knot at the back, are never than the single flower placed at the side of the coil. These wreaths can be had in any flower desired, from velvet forget-me-nots to the finest of chiffon rosebuds, and may be pailletted or not, at will.



The petticoat sketched is made of prawn pink, pale green, and blue tartan taffetas, cut in vandykes, which are ruffled and trimmed with lace and pink bows, over an accordion-taffetas, ruffled pleated flounce of pink with mousseline.

flouncings, whether of lingerie or silk, can be bought ready made—a boon to the home-worker, indeed.

#### REMEMBER THIS.

Wondrous is the strength of cheerfulness; almost past calculation its power of endurance. A laugh is worth a hundred groans on any market.—Carlyle.

and wicked, but I loved him. No woman can resist him!"

"Oh, don't speak of him, mother! He is hideous to me now. I see all his treachery. I see that he made use of my innocence to bind me! He knew I did not understand; he made me false to you, false to myself—and false to my dead father! Oh, I hate him, and I hate myself, and all that he has made me. I shall never have a clean heart again."

"Oh, hush!" wailed Vanna. "Don't speak like that! It is my fault. I am most to blame. I would not cut him right out of my life. I took his money; I thought about him—he was always the one being in the world to me. And I have been punished. And yet my punishment was no warning to me, all the bitter years were as nothing to me when I met him again—and my folly was greater than any other woman's. I was blinded, because I would not see. I thought his offer of friendship was made because I still counted for something in his life. I was mad. I forgot that he had deserted me, that he was frightened and rushed away as soon as I was free. I forgot everything. I will tell you the truth, Joan—the bitter truth. I hoped to win him back. It sounds horrible. And it was you all the time—you he wanted!"

Joan stood silent, quivering from head to foot. She made no movement forward, no effort to grasp the suppliant hands of her mother, outstretched to her as to a judge.

An awful reaction had taken place within her. She saw the man who had been to her even as a

woman when once she has ordered a few expensive gowns from a well-known modiste considers that she is ready for the season's campaign, but if she but knew it, her task should have only then begun. Just what to add and what to take away, which colour to bring out and which to avoid—upon this depends the fate of the woman who wants to be thought well dressed.

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god-despicable, base, and vile. He had won her, trading on her ignorance. He had stooped to the lowest acts; he had played with her mother to gain his own ends. She remembered how he had said that he was deceiving her, and that it was necessary.

In a great revulsion she saw him pilloried in the pitiless light of her youthful enthusiasm. He was no god; his feet were of very clay. All that had been great was base; all that had been splendid was mean. She only saw his treachery. He had known all the time that her mother had loved him, that because her mother had loved him, her father had died. And, as the measure of her youthful passion had been, so great was the measure of her youthful hatred and detestation.

"Joan!" cried her mother, still on her knees. "Speak! Don't stand silent! Tell me that you don't hate me and despise me! God knows how I have suffered!"

"I don't hate you," the girl said slowly, and with terrible emphasis. "But I hate him! I know he ruled all my thoughts, all my actions, and so I suppose he ruled yours—and you were my father's wife!"

"Oh, Joan, Joan! Have mercy!" Suddenly the girl staggered. The deepening crimson of the sunset bathed her slim figure in ruddy gold. She threw up her arms, and cried aloud.

"Oh, it is so dark—so dark!" And then she fell headlong at her mother's feet.

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## A MAN IN A MILLION.

(Continued from page 11.)

"Then," the girl went on, and her voice was cruel in its low precision, "then—you were false to my father?"

Vanna turned her head away.

The girl sprang forward suddenly, and gripped both her mother's arms. "Tell me the truth, mother! Was that why he died?"

"I—I believe so." The words came hardly audible from between the woman's parched lips.

"He knew? My father knew?"

"I think he must have found out," said Vanna. "He left no sign to work on. But I think he must have known. It broke his heart, and he died. There was no other reason."

"Then he is my father's murderer!" cried the girl aloud in fearful anguish.

"He—and I. I was more to blame, Joan."

"And I loved him. I—I thought him a god—I forgot everything in the whole world but him. I wanted nothing better than to be his slave! Oh, what a horrible creature I am!"

She released her mother so violently that Vanna staggered back against the wall. In the crimson glory of the sunset that flooded the room both women's faces loomed white and ghastly, like masks of tragedy so terrible that, like Medusa, they would freeze the beholder into stone.

Then suddenly Vanna fell on her knees and held out her arms towards the girl.

"Joan, don't judge me too harshly! I was weak



## THE CITY.

Reduction in the Bank Rate—Markets  
Sanguine on Peace Prospects—  
Kaffirs the Only Dull Market.

CAPITAL COURT, Thursday Evening.—The reduction in the Bank rate to 2½ per cent. naturally had a good effect on the stock markets, which were buoyant and active all day. The news from Manchuria was liked, it being thought that peace may be concluded ere long. The Bank Return was a good one, showing an increase in the reserve of £1,004,000. Consols closed at the top, namely 9½. All other gilt-edged securities were good. The Rand Water Board issue was announced, the amount being £3,400,000, and the issue price 'par.' The price of the new 4½ per cent. stock has been applied for. The market put a premium of ½ on the issue.

Home Rails were good with other markets, with the exception of North British, which declined rather sharply to 48¢ on the very disappointing dividend, which gave only 10¢ on the stock. The market was not so weak, only a few per cent. last year. The markets seemed to think that too much has been paid away in dividends in the past, and the reduced dividend is the result of the reversal of this. American Rails were active and strong. Atchafons were a good feature, and all the coaler shares were in demand. In the street, however, the tone was not quite so good. The C. & P. and Grand Trunk were the only ones that Grand Trunks hardened, although there was not much business doing in them. Mexican Rails were inquired for, and the Argentine ones were well maintained. B. & O. and C. & O. were rather weak.

**Copper "Bullish."**

Japanese bonds were supported on the war news. Peruvian debentures eased off a little, but the market as a

Hudson's Bays and Pekin Syndicates formed the chief feature of the Miscellaneous section. The former advanced to 73½ and the latter to 15½. The news from Manchuria helped Pekin Syndicates. Yangtse Valley shares were also in demand, and it is said that a Continental syndicate is taking these in hand.

Kaffirs were the only dull market, perhaps due to the near approach of the settlement. To-day was the preliminary carry-over, and the account is, if anything, rather smaller. Westralians and West Africans were steady, but there was some inquiry for Egyptians. In the West African group it is announced that the Abosso has commenced crumping.

SHRUBB'S EXCITING ADVENTURE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.—Alfred Shrubbs, the English champion runner, having sufficiently recovered from his recent illness, sailed for New Zealand yesterday on board the steamer Warrimoo.

The vessel, however, caught fire outside the Heads and returned here to-day. There were no casualties and little damage was done.—Reuter.

## BOAT RACE PRACTICE.

The crew, which remains unchanged, will put in a week's hard training. The new Sims racing boat was used, and Mr. W. A. L. Fletcher coached the crew.

The Cambridge crew did steady work at Ely yesterday in boisterous weather. The order of rowing was unchanged.

### CHESTER CUP WEIGHTS.

THE CHESTER CUP (handicap) of 2,550 sovs (a cup value 50 sovs and the remainder in specie). Run at Chester Wednesday, May 10. Old Cup Course, nearly two miles and a quarter. (53 entries.)

	yrs	st	lb		yrs	st	lb
Bachelor's Button	6	9	0	Pure Gold	6	7	0
Palm Days	5	8	11	Imari	4	7	0
Mark Time	5	8	10	Oyclades	4	7	0
Throwaway	6	8	9	Pomegranate	4	6	1
Hammerkop	5	8	9	Slumberer	5	6	1
Cliftonhall	6	8	7	Ravilious	4	6	1
L Aiglon	5	8	7	Intaglio	6	6	0

Fernoye	6	8	Hathor	4	6
Sandboy	5	8	De Witt	5	6
Roe O'Neill	5	8	Caro	6	6
War Wolf	6	8	Pitch Battle	5	6
Karakoul	6	8	Persil	4	6
Merry Andrew	6	7	Cherry Rip	3	6
Rydal Head	4	7	Series	5	6
St. Denis	4	7	Bowery	6	6

Haresfield	3	7	11	Pieria	4	6
St. Emilion	5	7	10	Coldra	6	6
Percussion	4	7	8	St. Kitts	4	6
Orbel	3	7	7	Brauneberg	5	6
Pirmilian	5	7	7	Love Dart	4	6
Bellvoir Tor	6	7	6	Solano	4	6
Torpoint	5	7	6	Killigrew	4	6
Catgut	4	7	6	Sir Laddo	5	6

King's Limner	6	7	6	Berryfield	4	6
Switchcap	5	7	5	Let Go the		
Gower	5	7	3	Painter	3	6
Long Tom	6	7	2			

LATEST LONDON BETTING.

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LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.  
(Run Tuesday, March 28. One mile.)

7	to	1	agst	Hackler's Pride, 5yrs, 9st 2lb (t) ..Fallo
8	—	1	—	Andria, 4yrs, 6st 11lb (t and o) ....Brew
100	—	9	—	Sansovino, 4yrs, 7st 6lb (t) .....C. Waug
100	—	7	—	Wolfshall, 5yrs, 7st 8lb (t) .....Mort
20	—	1	—	Csardas, 6yrs, 7st 5lb (o) .....J. Cann

(Run Friday, March 31. About four miles and 856 yards)

8	to	1	agst	Moifaa, 9yrs, 11st 12lb (t and o).	R. Mars
9	—	1	—	Kirkland, 9yrs, 11st 5lb (t and o).	Thomas
10	—	1	—	Phil May, 6yrs, 11st (t and o)	Sir C. Nugge

100	—	7	—	Aunt May, 9yrs, 10st 9lb (t and o) Pers
100	—	6	—	Deasley, 9yrs, 10st 8lb (t) Mr. Hastings
25	—	1	—	Napper Tandy, 8yrs, 10st (t)
				Sir C. Nugent
25	—	1	—	Ranunculus, 7yrs, 9st 12lb (t) Coultwaite
40	—	1	—	Eriseo II, 6yrs 9st 7lb (t) Hall

At a meeting of the Billiards Association, held London yesterday, Mr. L. Courtney and H. W. Stevens assigned their seats on the Rules Revision Committee.

son resigned their seats on the Ladies' Golf Committee, owing to pressure of business. Mr. L. Stroud was elected on the committee, which was given power to add to their numbers, owing to the difficulty of securing quorum.

At a meeting of the council of the Ladies Golf Club at the Empress Club, Berkeley-street, yesterday, it was decided that entries for the ladies golf championships which will begin on Tuesday, May 29, at Cromer, should close on May 18. The international matches will take place on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday preceding.

place on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday preceding the championship.



## WEEK OF MANY FOOTBALL SENSATIONS.

### Scotland's Amazing Defeat—Cup Semi-Finals—League International.

#### THE SECOND DIVISION CONTEST.

Last Saturday's sensational Cup results, Scotland's initial defeat at the hands, or rather feet, of Wales, and the important meetings of the League and the Football Association, have indeed made the football week ample food for reflection this week.

The overwhelming defeat of Southampton and Fulham started our Southern friends in a cold sweat, but it must not be forgotten, as I pointed out last week, that both clubs were meeting teams of far different calibre than had hitherto been their lot in the preceding rounds of the competition. Much sympathy has been extended to Bolton Wanderers on account of having Davies knocked out so early in their match against Newcastle United, but the defeat is not an unmixt blessing, for the Wanderers will now be able to devote their entire energies to making themselves sure of promotion. The task will assuredly keep their hands full, till the curtain is finally rung down.

Not for many years has the draw for the semi-finals given forth such an attractive couple of games, and whatever be the outcome it is certain that the decider will provide one of the best finals on record.

#### Scotland's Disastrous Defeat.

English League players took a prominent part in Monday's international at Wrexham, there being eight on the Welsh side and four on the Scottish, whilst, considering that the home halves were all practically reserve men for their respective clubs, Scotland's defeat was all the more disastrous.

The Arsenal men, Templeton and T. T. Fitchie, were rank failures, and no doubt a far different team will be called upon to do duty in Scotland's remaining matches. The English team for the inter-League match to-morrow is, to my mind, stronger than the side which could only draw with Luton at Middlesbrough, and I should not be at all surprised to find the F.A. selection committee largely guided by the choice of the League.

Hardman and Stokely thoroughly deserve their places on the extreme wings, for there is little to choose between them and Booth and Bond, whilst it is not unlikely that the backs, Howard Spencer and Herbert Burgess, will renew acquaintance with Scotch football in the international of the year.

The revival of Spencer is probably the most remarkable feature of the match, but in Fulham's case the rate his selection will create no surprise. Spencer is undoubtedly one of the greatest backs of all time, and increasing years have had little effect on his consummate ability.

Apparently the League are quite satisfied as to the bonafides of Commerce's transfer to Middlesbrough, for the latest movement of the international has been duly sanctioned, though we are told "explanations are to be asked for," and it is not unlikely that it is so apparent that the management committee are satisfied, and make this qualification of the transfer as a sop to public opinion.

The recommendations of the rules revision of the F.A. contain many excellent suggestions, notably the one relating to penalty-kicks, which will prohibit the goalkeeper leaving the line, and not disallowing a goal from one through any infringement of the defending side.

The maximum wages proposals have met with a mixed reception, and the whole subject, together with that of the vexed question of transfer fees, is so complicated and has so many side issues, that whatever is done will not suit everybody.

Certainly the present system is untenable, and if the Players' Union was now in existence, it would not obtain for one moment. Why on earth a player should not reap the full benefit of his market value is a puzzle to most people. At present the clubs have matters all their own way, but had not Mr. John Cameron's pet bantling—the Players' Union—so soon gone the way of all flesh a different state of things might have prevailed. Everton and Newcastle United are still to be reckoned with, but Small Heath's loss of a couple of points against Aston Villa puts them out of the running for the time being.

#### Manchester and the Championship.

Manchester City's victory at Derby took them to the top of the table, and the club directors are sparing no pains to win the championship. With this view, the players have changed their training quarters from breezy Northwick to the Lancashire coast to Mallock, and Livingston, having quite recovered from his long illness, is expected to resume his place again this week-end.

To-morrow's programme is not very interesting, and the principal match is Everton v. Sheffield Wednesday at Goodison Park. The Owlerton men are playing in something like their old championship form, and will rack the Liverpoolians very close, whilst the fact that both are still interested in the Cup renders the match doubly interesting.

Both Manchester City and Newcastle have but ordinary tasks to accomplish, and ought to be able to respectively account for Blackburn Rovers and Wolverhampton Wanderers. Small Heath, or Birmingham City, as they now have a right to call themselves, have also an easy task at Coventry-road against Nottingham Forest, who will miss greatly the services of their famous goalkeeper, Harry Linacre, chosen to keep goal against the Scottish League at Glasgow.

#### Woolwich Arsenal at Stoke.

The other Birmingham club, curiously enough, visit Notts County, and should easily win, and if Woolwich only reproduces the form they displayed at Sunderland the visit to Stoke should be viewed with equanimity. The home club may be relied upon, however, to make a big effort to improve their position, as will Middlesbrough at Preston. In both cases I expect the home team to win, and though Bury, like Stoke and Middlesbrough, badly require points, I cannot see how the "Shakers" are to be successful against their old Cup-fighting rivals, Sheffield United, at Bramall-lane.

Derby County entertain Sunderland, and as they will be without Bloomer the Wanderers have a chance of emulating Manchester City. In the Second Division the leaders, Bolton Wanderers, are without a match, and Liverpool have apparently an easy task in visiting Doncaster, the Rovers of which ancient town have only won two games this season. Manchester United have, however, sterner stuff to face at Turf Moor, for Burnley are always a hard team to beat on their own enclosure. Added to this, the United gave none too great a display against West Bromwich Albion last week.

Better times are apparently in store for the Albion, as Mr. Harry Keys, who did so much for the "Throstles," when they headed the Second League in 1901-2, has been prevailed upon to be chairman of a new board of directors, which will also include the famous old international, W. J. Barrett. THROSTLE.

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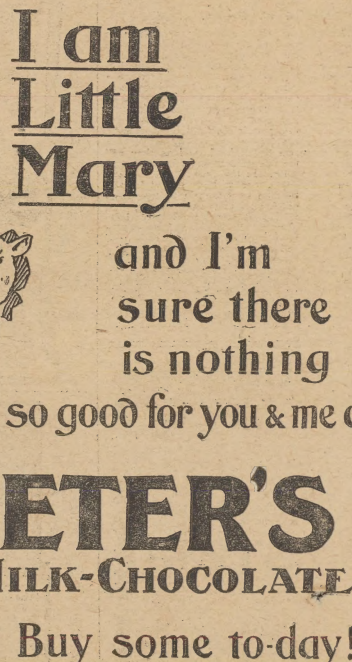
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